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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SKEIKY et al.

Application No.: 09/688,672

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For: FUSION PROTEINS OF
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2671

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time to respond for one month, from December 3, 2004, to January 3, 2005, is filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.